

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-14 are amended to replace the term "electric switching means" to "electric switch". The claims are also amended to replace the term "telephone" with the term "portable device".

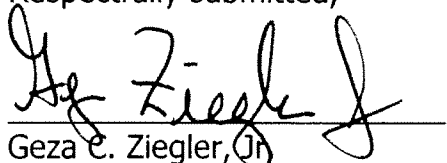
2. The proposed amendments require no additional search or examination, as the features of the allowed claims are not substantially changed.

3. The proposed claims as amended are patentable because none of the prior art references, either alone or in combination, disclose that the hinge comprises a washer having at least one cam and said washer is configured to rotate when said hinge allows movement of the body parts between the first and second position relative to each other and where the at least one cam is configured to actuate said electric switch, as recited in Applicant's independent claims.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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